

Census Bureau's Latest Hits

"Job growth and population growth in the Golden Triangle are ahead of national averages, pulling Kentucky along . . ." — Michael Price, Kentucky State Demographer

In recent months, the U.S. Bureau of the Census has released new and important state- and county-level population and poverty estimates and revisions. In several instances, Kentucky has followed national trends closely.

1997 County Pop Estimates

Nationally, nonmetropolitan counties on the outskirts of metropolitan areas grew faster than nonmetropolitan counties in relatively remote locations, leading to a "donut effect," as described in the Bureau's March 1998 news release.

Like the national pattern, much of Kentucky's growth occurred in those counties surrounding or included in the Louisville, Lexington, and Cincinnati, Ohio, MSAs — Kentucky's Golden Triangle. From these metro centers, growth extends outward along the corridors of the state's interstate highway system.

Conversely, most of the slow-growing counties are located in far Eastern and Western regions of the state, which are distant from the major metro centers.

The effect of welfare reform is likely to influence the year 2000 census population figures. According to KSDC Director Ron Crouch, "Welfare reform is going to exacerbate those Eastern Kentucky population losses."

Updated population estimates for Kentucky's counties and selected highlights are shown on pages 2 and 3.

In addition, the historical series of population estimates (1990 through 1996) have been revised.

Age, Gender, & Race Estimates

In December 1997, the Bureau released annual population estimates for individual states and counties from 1990 through 1996 by age, gender, race, and Hispanic origin. At the national level, Asian/Pacific Islanders and Hispanics grew at the fastest rates.

Following the nation, Kentucky's Asian/Pacific Islanders and Hispanic groups experienced the highest growth rates — 36 percent and 29 percent respectively — over this time period. See the figure on page 3.

Poverty Estimates Revised

New and revised estimates of children in poverty for states and counties became available in January 1998. Estimates include the number of children under 18 living in poverty in 1993, state-level estimates for 1993 of the number of poor children under age five, and other related income data. The tabulations for 1993 mark the first time the Census Bureau has issued county-level income and poverty estimates in non-census years.

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Find these estimates fast on the Internet:

'97 Total Pop & '96 Breakouts: www.fedstats.gov/population/www/estimates/countypop.html
State & County Poverty Estimates: www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe93.html

Top 10 Counties at a Glance Population Growth '90-'97

Percent		Number	
Spencer	34.6	Boone	18,584
Boone	32.3	Fayette	14,508
Oldham	30.0	Bullitt	10,438
Grant	26.0	Oldham	9,985
Gallatin	25.6	Warren	8,805
Anderson	23.8	Madison	7,835
Scott	23.4	Laurel	6,630
Bullitt	21.9	Pulaski	6,127
Lyon	21.0	Scott	5,579
Trimble	19.8	Jessamine	5,530

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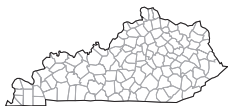
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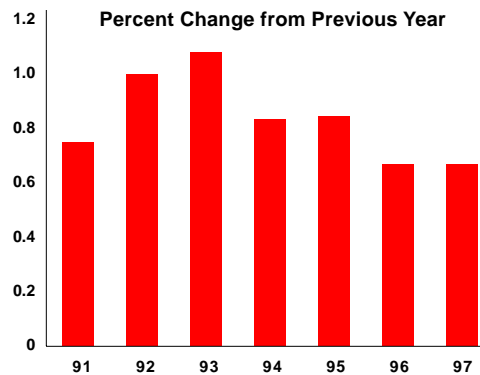
	Estimate 1997	Census 1990	Change Number	1990-97 Percent
Kentucky	3,908,124	3,686,892	221,232	6.0
Adair	16,494	15,360	1,134	7.4
Allen	16,233	14,628	1,605	11.0
Anderson	18,032	14,571	3,461	23.8
Ballard	8,346	7,902	444	5.6
Barren	36,770	34,001	2,769	8.1
Bath	10,355	9,692	663	6.8
Bell	29,784	31,506	-1,722	-5.5
Boone	76,173	57,589	18,584	32.3
Bourbon	19,349	19,236	113	0.6
Boyd	49,865	51,150	-1,285	-2.5
Boyle	27,069	25,641	1,428	5.6
Bracken	8,291	7,766	525	6.8
Breathitt	15,642	15,703	-61	-0.4
Breckinridge	17,299	16,312	987	6.1
Bullitt	58,005	47,567	10,438	21.9
Butler	11,757	11,245	512	4.6
Caldwell	13,341	13,232	109	0.8
Calloway	33,072	30,735	2,337	7.6
Campbell	87,422	83,866	3,556	4.2
Carlisle	5,381	5,238	143	2.7
Carroll	9,585	9,292	293	3.2
Carter	26,591	24,340	2,251	9.2
Casey	14,531	14,211	320	2.3
Christian	73,229	68,941	4,288	6.2
Clark	31,679	29,496	2,183	7.4
Clay	22,544	21,746	798	3.7
Clinton	9,311	9,135	176	1.9
Crittenden	9,480	9,196	284	3.1
Cumberland	6,876	6,784	92	1.4
Daviess	91,011	87,189	3,822	4.4
Edmonson	11,135	10,357	778	7.5
Elliott	6,540	6,455	85	1.3
Estill	15,487	14,614	873	6.0
Fayette	239,874	225,366	14,508	6.4
Fleming	13,200	12,292	908	7.4
Floyd	43,343	43,586	-243	-0.6
Franklin	46,226	44,143	2,083	4.7
Fulton	7,630	8,271	-641	-7.7
Gallatin	6,771	5,393	1,378	25.6
Garrard	13,670	11,579	2,091	18.1
Grant	19,828	15,737	4,091	26.0
Graves	35,592	33,550	2,042	6.1
Grayson	23,279	21,050	2,229	10.6
Green	10,570	10,371	199	1.9
Greenup	37,125	36,742	383	1.0
Hancock	8,846	7,864	982	12.5
Hardin	90,001	89,240	761	0.9
Harlan	35,362	36,574	-1,212	-3.3
Harrison	17,352	16,248	1,104	6.8
Hart	16,555	14,890	1,665	11.2
Henderson	44,621	43,044	1,577	3.7
Henry	14,711	12,823	1,888	14.7
Hickman	5,173	5,566	-393	-7.1
Hopkins	46,283	46,126	157	0.3
Jackson	12,829	11,955	874	7.3
Jefferson	670,622	665,123	5,499	0.8
Jessamine	36,038	30,508	5,530	18.1
Johnson	24,091	23,248	843	3.6
Kenton	146,224	142,031	4,193	3.0

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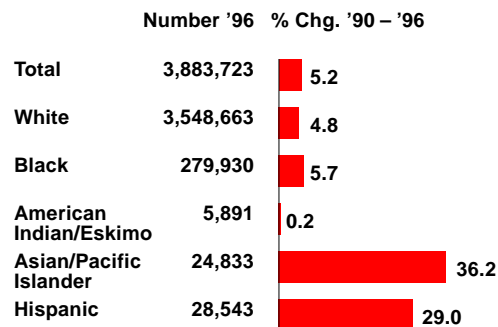
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Knott	18,019	17,906	113	0.6
Knox	31,477	29,676	1,801	6.1
Larue	12,888	11,679	1,209	10.4
Laurel	50,068	43,438	6,630	15.3
Lawrence	15,434	13,998	1,436	10.3
Lee	7,972	7,422	550	7.4
Leslie	13,538	13,642	-104	-0.8
Letcher	26,623	27,000	-377	-1.4
Lewis	13,568	13,029	539	4.1
Lincoln	22,047	20,045	2,002	10.0
Livingston	9,330	9,062	268	3.0
Logan	26,163	24,416	1,747	7.2
Lyon	8,012	6,624	1,388	21.0
McCracken	64,736	62,879	1,857	3.0
McCreary	16,557	15,603	954	6.1
McLean	9,701	9,628	73	0.8
Madison	65,343	57,508	7,835	13.6
Magoffin	13,828	13,077	751	5.7
Marion	16,979	16,499	480	2.9
Marshall	29,832	27,205	2,627	9.7
Martin	12,231	12,526	-295	-2.4
Mason	16,903	16,666	237	1.4
Meade	28,140	24,170	3,970	16.4
Menifee	5,620	5,092	528	10.4
Mercer	20,447	19,148	1,299	6.8
Metcalfe	9,470	8,963	507	5.7
Monroe	11,223	11,401	-178	-1.6
Montgomery	20,778	19,561	1,217	6.2
Morgan	13,480	11,648	1,832	15.7
Muhlenberg	31,957	31,318	639	2.0
Nelson	35,152	29,710	5,442	18.3
Nicholas	7,036	6,725	311	4.6
Ohio	21,957	21,105	852	4.0
Oldham	43,248	33,263	9,985	30.0
Owen	10,087	9,035	1,052	11.6
Owsley	5,381	5,036	345	6.9
Pendleton	13,859	12,036	1,823	15.1
Perry	31,110	30,283	827	2.7
Pike	72,561	72,584	-23	-0.0
Powell	12,614	11,686	928	7.9
Pulaski	55,616	49,489	6,127	12.4
Robertson	2,173	2,124	49	2.3
Rockcastle	15,744	14,803	941	6.4
Rowan	22,021	20,353	1,668	8.2
Russell	16,318	14,716	1,602	10.9
Scott	29,446	23,867	5,579	23.4
Shelby	28,836	24,824	4,012	16.2
Simpson	16,175	15,145	1,030	6.8
Spencer	9,157	6,801	2,356	34.6
Taylor	22,912	21,146	1,766	8.4
Todd	11,198	10,940	258	2.4
Trigg	12,072	10,361	1,711	16.5
Trimble	7,294	6,090	1,204	19.8
Union	16,537	16,557	-20	-0.1
Warren	86,525	77,720	8,805	11.3
Washington	10,758	10,441	317	3.0
Wayne	18,697	17,468	1,229	7.0
Webster	13,529	13,955	-426	-3.1
Whitley	35,583	33,326	2,257	6.8
Wolfe	7,325	6,503	822	12.6
Woodford	22,344	19,955	2,389	12.0

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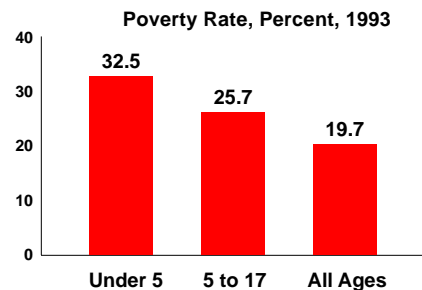
Kentucky's total population is growing . . .



Asian/Pacific Islanders, Hispanics lead in growth rates . . .



Kentucky's poverty rates by age group . . .



Sizzling Internet Tip

Ever need to find a census tract number for a specific address? It's easy! To find out, visit the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) site:
www.ffiec.gov/geocode/

Meet Beverly Daly, KSDC Assistant Director

"I'm very fortunate to have such an enjoyable job."

BEVERLY DALY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR of the KSDC, has worked here since 1988. Daly, a native of Florida, earned an undergraduate degree in Political Science from Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia, and a master's degree in Higher Education from U of L. "I'm very fortunate to have a such an enjoyable job. Working with clients to come up with the information they need is a constant challenge and allows me to learn new things each day."



Daly directs the day-to-day operations of the busy Center, which receives approximately 400 data requests every month. Daly states that, "about 35 percent of information requests comes from the business community; 20 percent from county, state, and regional government agencies; and the remaining 45 percent comes from academia, community organizations, the media, religious groups, and private citizens. Most requests come via telephone but more and more arrive by electronic mail."

The Center also works with walk-in clients and students who need help researching term paper topics. Daly often answers data requests related to education or those that require data to be downloaded or manipulated electronically.

In an effort to disseminate census and related data — the Center's primary purpose — Daly, in cooperation with Martye Scobee from the Kentucky Population Research unit, developed the KSDC Home Page. "Instead of responding to each individual request, we can disseminate data to a larger audience."

Daly also established geographic information system (GIS) capabilities at the KSDC. "Combining the capabilities of

software programs, such as Atlas GIS and ArcView, with Census Bureau Tiger files and Census Bureau demographic data allows us to produce some very informative charts and thematic maps. For example, we now have page-sized maps showing census tract boundaries for every Kentucky county, and maps showing education and poverty levels for all counties. I also use GIS batch processes to assign census tract numbers to specific addresses."

Daly works with KSDC Director Ron Crouch to maintain contact with their 75-member affiliate network. This includes forwarding newly-released data to affiliates, keeping them informed of new Census Bureau developments, and providing training or assistance as needed. A recently established electronic listserv has aided these efforts.

"Working with community and statewide groups who need census data to make well-informed decisions is a favorite part of my job. We don't want to wait for people to come to us," she said. "We want to inform the public about the information we have and how it can help them make better decisions." Daly was recently appointed to a subcommittee of the State-Assisted Academic Library Council of Kentucky charged with making census data available through a proposed "Virtual University."

Daly noted that, "keeping track of all of the new information and changes in the technology to access that information is a constant challenge — one that will keep me busy for some time to come."

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